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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 29, 2004, Applicants respond through their attorney as follows.

The shortened statutory period for response expired on September 29, 2004. Accordingly, a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is attached hereto. The Director - U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 021-1201, the necessary extension fees identified in the attached Petition and any other fees necessary for entry of this amendment.